JL - Re pages stamp numbered 141(?)3 and 1595 (which reverses the time sequence), Flophouse;Gracie:

I'm not certain of any relevance except in FOIA cases now, after the concessions and admissions we have obtained, that there was no real eye-witness.

For the immediate future I see no chance of a trial for Jimmy in any event, after what he, Lane, Kershaw and Jerry have done to Jimmy's situation and prospects.

The signed Gracie statement is entirely consistent with other records I have obtained and the results of my investigations. It is also consistent with something of which I remind you.

Back in 2/71, when we left the courthouse after the hearing before Judge Williams, I introduced you to a man who xx then was a reporter. I got him to repeat for you what he'd already told me: the night of the assassination he was in the DA's outer offices when he saw a cop guarding a man and woman he then learned were Gracie and Charlie. Because of the guard he attributed some importance to this so he kept his eyes open and when the cop left for a moment went up and spoke th them. This was about 9:00 that night, which also is consistent with the time on the interview. As of then neither knew why they were there.

Supplement 4 is not dated. This is 1595. Clearly it is of later time and by then Charlie had begun to put his concoction in the Mixmaster.

As represented by the interview transcript and the supplement Gracie's stories and not indentical. The later one reflects what she had been told by others after the interview. However, neith er is in accord with what she was quoted as saying in the papers and as Lane touts her "evidence." So these would not help him even if helping him lie some more would do any good, as it cannot do Jimmy any good.

I have other interests if we can ever establish the date of 1595

phone unknown, unemployed, taken at Central Police Headquarters, [illegible]
1968.

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Questioned by: Lt. J. D. Music and Agent C. F. Busch Typed by: Margaret Kenley

Relati ve to the shooting of Martin Luther King, Jr., male colored, that occurred on Thursday, April 4, 1968, at approximately 6:15 P.M. at 406 Mulberry, the Lorraine Hotel-Motel.

Q. Grace, were you at home the afternoon of Thursday, April 4, 1968?

A. Yes, sir, I been home all day long.

Q. Did you see or hear ~~any~~ anything unusual that day?

A. No, sir, you know those railroad firecrackers that go off all day, that's the only think I heard.

Q. How many of those railroad firecrackers did you hear?

A. I believe there was about five of them.

Q. Did any of the railroad firecrackers sound any different from the others?

A. No, it didn't. Just sounded like it was fixing to come through the bedroom, I

Q. Do you remember the times that you heardthese railroad firecrackers?

A. No, sir, I don't. I was having trouble sleeping anyway.

Q. Was anyone else in the room with you?

A. My husband, Charlie Q. Stephens.

Q. Did he hear the railroad firecrackers?

A. Yes, he told me once to try to go to sleep, it was just a railroad over there.

Q. Do you know how many rooms are up in that group where you live?

A. I believe there are nine on the side where you come up from Main St. and I believe there is the same number on the other side.

Q. How long have you been living there?

A. Since I got out of the hospital last Monday.

Q. Did you see or hear anyone moving outside of your room during the day?

A. Yes, sir, I heard people going to the bathroom and I heard the commode flush. One time I heard someone go to the bathroom, but didn't hear the commode flush and right after that I heard what I thought was a railroad firecracker. Then I heard a bunch of screaming coming from the motel over across the street, I don't know the name of the street. The next thing I heard was some sirens.

Q. Do you recall what time it was approximately that you heard someone go to the bathroom and you heard this railroad firecracker?

A. I just don't know.

Q. Could you tell by sound if the party that went to the bathroom that last time that you were talking about was a man or woman?

A. It was a man by the way the feet sounded. He wasn't too heavy from the way it sounded, but he did have hard heeled shoes because I could hear the heels and couldn't hear the rest of his shm shoes.

Q. Have you left your room at any time during the day?

A. Charlie helped me to the bathroom one time. It was about 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Grace H. Stephens